

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated November 5, 2003. Claims 1-11, 25-76, and 90-130 have been cancelled in response to this action; the applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of these claims. Claims 12 and 77 have been amended in response to this action. All amendments to the claims are supported in the specification as originally filed; no new matter has been incorporated. Claims 12-24 and 77-89 remain in the case. Reconsideration and further examination of the application is respectfully requested.


In the Office action of November 5, 2003, the examiner stated that Claims 12-24 and Claims 77-89 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 12 has been rewritten so as to include the limitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening Claim 2. Similarly, Claim 77 has been rewritten so as to include the limitations of Claims 66 and 67.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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